




Constraints and Possibilities for Producers Organizations

# **FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES**



# Philippine Food Purchase Program

- School Feeding Program
  - NFA rice procurement
  - LGU Initiatives (e.g., Isabela)
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# School-based Feeding Program



*534,000*  
*school*  
*children*  
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*32*  
*euros per*  
*child*



# DepEd Guidelines on canteen operations

- NO JUNK
  - YES TO nutrient-rich foods
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# National Food Authority (NFA) PROCUREMENT

- BUYS primarily TO STABILIZE PRICE OF STAPLES (RICE and Corn)
  - Very few farmers sell; TRADERS dominate
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# LGU Initiatives

- ISABELA during Governor Padaca's Administration: *bought rice 2-3 pesos higher than prevailing price; Feeding program c/o LGUs*





# Constraints

- LEGAL ENVIRONMENT
  - BUREAUCRACY
  - PRODUCERS ORGANIZATIONS' CAPACITY
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# LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

1. IMPROVED CHILDRENS  
HEALTH


Over INCREASED FARMERS  
INCOME

2. Rice over other products





# BUREAUCRACY

- VESTED INTERESTS over FARMERS Organizations
  - BUDGET for cheap rice over nutritious healthy organic brown rice
  - AUDIT to favour established bidders
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# PAKISAMA/FO CAPACITY

- VOLUME



- PRODUCT



- LOGISTICS



# Possibilities

- LEGISLATIVE BILL
  - EXECUTIVE: DEP ED and DSWD
  - CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
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# LEGISLATIVE

- **ALLIES in Congress**
  - **NATURE OF PROPOSED BILL: non-contentious**
  - **TIMELINESS: IYFF moment**
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# EXECUTIVE

- ALLIES
  - FUNDING
  - IYFF as MOMENT
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# FO CAPACITY BUILDING

- PILOTING
- LINKAGES
- LEADERSHIP



Thank you